

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 950

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Trenton Gibson, star player for the  
Tusculum University men's basketball team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those incredibly successful student athletes who have attained significant milestones in their careers; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson of the Tusculum University Pioneers was recently honored as the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the third time; and

WHEREAS, during this outstanding seven days, Trenton Gibson averaged 16.5 points, 10 rebounds, and 7.5 assists to lead the Pioneers to their third and fourth consecutive victories and became the first player in program history to post two triple-doubles in a career; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson is currently the only player in the league who is listed in the top ten statistically in scoring, rebounding, and assists for the 2021-2022 season; and

WHEREAS, after playing 94 games in his career at Tusculum, Trenton Gibson is ranked eleventh in school history in career points; he has scored in double figures on 79 occasions, including his last 25 consecutive games dating back to last season; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson has joined the illustrious Tusculum men's basketball career top ten in ten statistical categories, including field goals made, field goal attempts, free throws made, free throw attempts, free throw percentage, rebounds, rebounds per game, assists, assists per game, and steals; and

WHEREAS, he is a two-time All-SAC honoree and earned a spot on the NABC All-District Team last year as he led the Pioneers in scoring, rebounding, and assists and to a

NCAA II Southeast Region semifinals finish; he was also named to the SAC All-Tournament Team and the NCAA Southeast Region All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being honored as the 2021 SAC Player of the Year, Trenton Gibson was named the SAC Men's Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Year, becoming the first player in league history to win the conference's top two basketball awards in the same season; and

WHEREAS, he later received the SAC Presidents Award and the D2CCA Southeast Region Scholar Athlete of the Year Award and was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America first team; and

WHEREAS, now a graduate student, the Murfreesboro native earned his undergraduate degree from Tusculum in just three years while graduating summa cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson was recently named to the 2022 Clarence "Bevo" Francis Award Top-100 Watch List; this prestigious award is presented annually to the player who has had the finest overall season within Small College Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson has claimed his rightful place among the most elite college basketball players in Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Gibson exemplifies the spirit, determination, and perseverance for which Tennesseans are notable, and he is richly deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Trenton Gibson, star player for the Tusculum University men's basketball team and 2021 SAC Player of the Year, upon his many accomplishments as a student athlete and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.